

## Director's Note

Even as we inch closer towards the end of the school year, I find that these last few weeks before the final orchestra concert are some of my favorite. Our daily classes will be interrupted by AP tests, field trips, and illnesses, however, early May is the time of the year when I really get to take a step back and see the progress students have made during the entire school year. I am very proud of all students for their growth this year and look forward to the final two weeks leading up to our last large group performance.

This time of year also signals a final wrap up to our chamber music unit, which starts in January. The unit truly ends for some with performances at the State Solo & Ensemble festival. This year, over 40 students qualified to perform at State, both at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Parkside. All students performing at State continued to work hard in the months after district festival.

Not deterred by an April snow, All City String Festival saw close to 1,200 performers and another 4,000+ in attendance! All grade levels, 4th-12th grade, dazzled with beautiful music. We're proud of everyone, some playing for the first time and others playing for their last. Bravo to all!

Thank you for your support of the orchestra program at Wauwatosa East. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring concert.

-Michael Hayden

## Upcoming Events

### **May 15th, 2019**

East Orchestra Spring Concert  
Dale K. Hidde Theatre  
7:30 pm

### **June 9th, 2019**

East Graduation  
Juniors (and volunteers)  
12:00 pm Ceremony

### **End of Year Checklist**

As you know, May moves really fast. With end of the year summatives, AP Tests, concerts and more, the final days of school will be upon us sooner than we think.

A couple of items as we approach the end of the year.

1. Instrument repairs?  
Summer is a great time to get your instrument repaired/cleaned, put on new strings, or find that new shoulder rest.
2. **Uniform turn in. May 23rd.** This is for non-returning students or anyone wanting a different size. Please bring all parts.
3. New music. Summer is also a great time to check out new music. Need suggestions? Just ask.

### **Orchestra Parents of Tosa East**

Orchestra parents of Tosa East is a volunteer organization designed to support and highlight the happenings of Wauwatosa East Orchestra. OPTE supports our guest artists and clinicians, trip fundraising, solo & ensemble orchestration (and fees), organizes volunteers for our concerts, and too many other items to list. OPTE is currently seeking orchestra families to serve in various roles on their board. Orchestra Parents of Tosa East typically meets 4 times per year in addition to helping with various orchestra events.

Interested? Please contact Ms. Sofia Gutierrez at [sofiapepe@aol.com](mailto:sofiapepe@aol.com)

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